

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner has delineated the following inventions as being patentably distinct.

Group I: Claims 1-6, drawn to microfine doped metal oxide phosphors having an organic group coordinated to the surface of the phosphor.

Group II: Claims 7-10, drawn to a dispersion of microfine doped metal oxide phosphors having an organic group coordinated to the surface of the phosphor.

Group III: Claim 11, drawn to a fluorescent conversion film comprising a resin and microfine doped metal oxide phosphors having an organic group coordinated to the surface of the phosphor.

Group IV: Claims 12-14, drawn to a method for producing microfine doped metal oxide phosphors having an organic group coordinated to the surface of the phosphor.

Group V: Claim 15, drawn to a method of separating microfine metal oxide phosphors from a mixture of a solvent and the phosphors.

Group VI: Claim 16, drawn to a method comprising mixing microfine metal oxide phosphors with a solvent and separating the phosphors from the mixture.

Group VII: Claim 17, drawn to a liquid containing microfine doped metal oxide phosphors having an organic group coordinated to the surface of the phosphor.

Group VIII: Claim 18, drawn to a paste containing microfine doped metal oxide phosphors having an organic group coordinated to the surface of the phosphor.

Group IX: Claim 19, drawn to the composition resulting from heating the liquid of Claim 17.

Group X: Claim 20, drawn to the composition resulting from heating the liquid of Claim 18.

Group XI: Claim 21, drawn to the method of heating the liquid of Claim 17.

Group XII: Claim 22, drawn to the method of heating the liquid of Claim 18.

Group XIII: Claim 23, drawn to a fluorescent converter comprising the composition of Claims 19 or 20.

Group XIV: Claim 23, drawn to a fluorescent converter comprising the composition of Claims 19 or 20 in a resin and/or a solvent.

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 30, 2008, Applicants elect without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-6, drawn to microfine doped metal oxide phosphors having an organic group coordinated to the surface of the phosphor.

Further, Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application, if so desired, and be awarded the benefit of the filing date of the parent application.

Divisional applications filed thereafter should not be subject to double-patenting ground of rejection 35 USC 121, *In re Joyce* (Comm. Pat 1957) 115 USPQ 412.

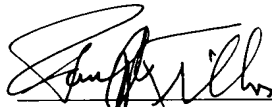
Restriction is only proper if the claims of the restricted groups are independent or patentably distinct and there would be a serious burden placed on the Examiner if restriction is not required (M.P.E.P. §803).

Applicants make no statement regarding the patentable distinctness of the groups, but note that for the restriction to be proper there must be patentable differences.

Applicants submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and an early notice of such action is earnestly solicited

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